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SUBJ: REPORT OF BRAZILIAN INTEREST IN SURINAM/GUYANA BORDER
DISPUTE

REF : GEORGETOWN 0788, PARAMARIBO 0338

1. RE PARAGRAPH (4) REFTTEL, EMBASSY BELIEVES FONMIN WILLS'
"INTELLIGENCE" REPORT THAT BRAZIL IS PREPARING COME OUT
PUBLICLY ON SURINAM'S SIDE IN SURINAM/GUYANA BORDER DISPUTE,
IS WITHOUT SUBSTANCE. DISCREET INQUIRY WITH DIRECTOR MINISTRY
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ELICITED FLAT STATEMENT THAT NEITHER VENE-
ZUELA NOR BRAZIL HAD EVER SHOWN ANY OFFICIAL INTEREST IN
DISPUTE.

2. WHILE REPORT DOES SEEM FAR FETCHED, CIRCUMSTANCES MAY
CONSPIRE TO GIVE IT APPEARANCE OF TRUTH, AT LEAST IN WILLS'
(AND BURNHAM'S) MIND. SURINAM PRIME MINISTER ARRON IS
PLANNING TO VISIT BRAZIL LATER THIS YEAR, AND MAY WELL SIGN
TRADE AND AID AGREEMENTS THERE (SECOND REFERENCE). VISIT
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WILL GIVE THOSE WHO SEEK EVIDENCE OF ANTI-GUYANAN AXIS IN

THE MAKING PLENTY OF SUPERFICIAL MATERIAL WITH WHICH TO
WORK.

3. ALTHOUGH SURINAM WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOME TIMELY
DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT IN ITS DISPUTE WITH GUYANA, WE SERIOUSLY
DOUBT THAT GOS IS PREPARED DIVERT ITS ATTENTION FROM
PRESSING DOMESTIC QUESTIONS TO TAKE UP DIFFICULT BORDER

QUESTION THIS SOON AFTER INDEPENDENCE, OR THAT IT HAS
MEANS OR STOMACH FOR WAR OF NERVES THAT WOULD ENSUE FROM
ITS JOINING ANTI-GUYANA AXIS. EVEN IF SOMETHING OF SORT
WERE SUGGESTED BY BRAZIL, GOS IS NOT LIKELY TO BE
RECEPTIVE.
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